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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))	<b>Attorney Docket No.</b>	02579- P0027B
	<b>First Inventor</b>	Guy E. Horne, Jr., et al.
	<b>Title</b>	Composite Flexible Endoscope Insertion Shaft
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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1101	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	770.00
1002	340	2202	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
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1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)				(\$)	770.00

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Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid
15	-20**	0	X			0.00
3	-3**	0	X			0.00
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1201	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	40	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
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